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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.